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ATTN: ORGANIZED CRIME SECTION

[REDACTED] FRANK BUCCIERI, AKA FRANK BRUNO

FRANK REYNOLDS, "BIG FRANK"; [REDACTED] DEPUTY SHERIFF,

FRESNO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, FRESNO, CALIFORNIA;

HOBBS ACT - CORRUPTION OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL; HOBBS ACT - COMMERCIAL

INSTITUTION, OO: SACRAMENTO

RE TELCALL OF SA [REDACTED] AND FBIHQ OFFICIAL

[REDACTED], JUNE 28, 1982.

EMERGENCY AUTHORITY GRANTED BY FBIHQ OFFICIAL ON JUNE 28,

1982, TO UTILIZE CONSENSUAL MONITOR. EMERGENCY AUTHORITY

GRANTED BECAUSE OF ANTICIPATED IMMEDIATE UTILIZATION OF MONITOR.

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EMERGENCY AUTHORITY HAS BEEN GRANTED TO UTILIZE AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE TO MONITOR AND/OR RECORD CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN J. PETRUCELLI AND [REDACTED] IN CONNECTION WITH A HOBBS ACT - CORRUPTION OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL MATTER.

FOLLOWING BACKGROUND INFORMATION PROVIDED BY LT. [REDACTED] (WA), FRESNO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (FCSO), [REDACTED]:

IN JULY, 1981, SUBJECT [REDACTED] APPEARED FRESNO, CALIFORNIA AND OPENED CLUB, DBA CHEZ PAPEE, FEATURING NUDE DANCERS. FCSO INITIATED PRELIMINARY INQUIRY WHEN INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT [REDACTED] BACKED BY JUPITER CORP., CHICAGO, WHICH ALLEGEDLY HAD CONNECTION WITH LCN FIGURE [REDACTED] INFORMATION DEVELOPED [REDACTED] AT ONE TIME LIVED AT SAME ADDRESS AS [REDACTED] REPORTED LCN "HIT MAN". INFORMATION ALSO DEVELOPED EXISTENCE OF PANDERING AND PROSTITUTION AT CLUB.

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SEPTEMBER, 1981, FCSO ARRESTED [REDACTED] AND OTHERS CONNECTED WITH CLUB FOR OPERATING WITHOUT NECESSARY LICENSES AND ON OBSCENITY CHARGES.

FCSO CONTINUED INVESTIGATION OF [REDACTED] AND ASSOCIATES, WHICH INCLUDED OBTAINING TOLL CALL RECORDS FOR [REDACTED] SEVERAL SUBSCRIBERS

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HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS LCN ASSOCIATED, PRIMARILY FROM LAS VEGAS AREA. SOME INDIVIDUALS CALLED INCLUDE: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

IN MARCH, 1982, CALIF. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) HAD OCCASION TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED] SON OF SUBJECT [REDACTED] SON STATED [REDACTED] IS ASSOCIATE OF FRANK BUCCIERI, CHARACTERIZED AS WATCHDOG FOR CHICAGO LCN INTERESTS IN CALIFORNIA. [REDACTED] AND A PARTNER OPERATED TWO VIDEO GAME BUSINESSES WHICH WERE INSTANT SUCCESSES. IN MARCH, 1981, [REDACTED] CONVERSED WITH FATHER WHO RELATED THAT "MOB" WAS UPSET OVER TPOUBLES AT CLUB AND UPSET WITH LOSING A BID TO OPEN A THIRD VIDEO GAME PARLOR. [REDACTED] RELATED THAT MOB WANTED \$50 PER DAY PER VIDEO PARLOR TO PERMIT [REDACTED] TO STAY IN BUSINESS. PARLORS COULD BE BLOWN UP AND "HEADS CRACKED" IF PAYMENTS NOT MADE. [REDACTED] SUGGESTED THAT [REDACTED] AND PARTNER MIGHT BE FORCED TO SELL TO BALLY MANUFACTURING, DBA ALADINS' CASTLES, AT TEN CENTS ON THE DOLLAR. SOMETIME LATER, [REDACTED] MET WITH FATHER AND BUCCIERI AT FRESNO WHERE BUCCIERI REITERATED \$50 PER DAY DEMAND AND THPEATS.

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INFORMATION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED THAT DEPUTY [REDACTED] HAS, SINCE [REDACTED] OPENED CHEZ PAPEE, MET [REDACTED] SURREPTITIOUSLY ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS. [REDACTED] HAS ATTEMPTED TO PUMP VICE OFFICERS FOR INFORMATION ON IDENTITIES OF SOURCES DEVELOPED BY FCISO IN INVESTIGATION AGAINST [REDACTED]

FCISO HAS CONDUCTED SURVEILLANCE OF [REDACTED] MEETING WITH [REDACTED] AND WITH A MALE, LATER IDENTIFIED AS ATTORNEY [REDACTED] OF THE FIRM OSCAR GOODMAN ASSOCIATES, LAS VEGAS. MEETINGS TOOK PLACE AT LOCAL RESTAURANT, BAR AND MOTEL. SURVEILLANCE INDICATES [REDACTED] VERY CAUTIOUS ABOUT BEING SEEN. INFORMATION ALSO DEVELOPED THAT [REDACTED] MAY HAVE PROVIDED FEMALE COMPANIONSHIP FOR [REDACTED]

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SACRAMENTO PROPOSES TO RECORD CONVERSATION BETWEEN [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] SOURCE [REDACTED] SOURCE'S [REDACTED] HOME ON JUNE 30, 1982. [REDACTED] SOURCE [REDACTED] WILL PLAY ROLE OF DEPUTY SOON TO BE TRANSFERRED TO VICE-INTELLIGENCE. IT IS BELIEVED [REDACTED] WILL ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP RELATIONSHIP WITH [REDACTED] SOURCE [REDACTED] AND REQUEST INFORMATION ABOUT INVESTIGATION OF SMITH.

AUSA [REDACTED] EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, FRESNO,

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CALIFORNIA, APPRISED OF FACTS; HE CONCURS WITH USE OF RECORDED
AND ADVISED THAT NO ENTRAPMENT EXISTS.

CONSENTING PARTY WILL TESTIFY AS REQUIRED. MONITORING
DEVICE WILL BE ACTIVATED ONLY WHEN CONSENTING PARTY PRESENT.
SOURCE IS WILLING TO PROVIDE WRITTEN CONSENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE: AIR MAIL COPIES TO LAS VEGAS, LOS ANGELES
AND CHICAGO.

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1 - Mr. [redacted]
1 - Mr. [redacted]

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Office of Enforcement Operations
Criminal Division

BF June 30, 1982

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Director, FBI

[redacted] **ALSO KNOWN AS** [redacted] **FRANK BUCCIERI,**
ALSO KNOWN AS FRANK BRUNO, FRANK REYNOLDS, "BIG FRANK";
[redacted] **DEPUTY SHERIFF, FRESNO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.,**
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA; HOBBS ACT-CORRUPTION OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL;
HOBBS ACT-COMMERCIAL INSTITUTION

Attached is a copy of a communication which furnishes information concerning a current investigation. Exigent circumstances precluded a request for authorization in advance to utilize an electronic device to monitor and/or record private conversations with the consent of a party.

Under the provisions of Part III (b) of the Attorney General's Memorandum of September 22, 1980, to the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies entitled, "Monitoring Private Conversations with the Consent of a Party," emergency monitoring was instituted under the authorization of an appropriate official of the FBI.

Monitoring of this conversation was authorized in the best interest of law enforcement in that it was expected to provide corroborative evidence and to protect the individual utilizing the equipment.

Further monitoring is expected in this matter and it is requested that your office approve the use of this equipment for a period of 30 days beginning the date on which you grant approval.

Enclosure

NOTE: Emergency authority granted by OC Section Chief McWeeney
6/28/82. Sacramento advised same date.
RDL: [redacted] (5)

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Director, FBI

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FRANK BUCCIERI, AKA FRANK BRUNO, FRANK REYNOLDS,
"BIG FRANK"; DEPUTY SHERIFF, FRESNO COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPT., FRESNO, CA; HOBBS ACT - CPO;
HOBBS ACT - COMMERCIAL BRIBERY,
(OO: SACRAMENTO)

Re Sacramento teletype to the Bureau, dated 6/28/82.

Enclosed for receiving office is one copy of a memorandum from the Director to the Office of Enforcement Operations, Criminal Division, which authorizes you to use a transmitting and recording device as described in referenced communication.

Within 30 days of the expiration of authorization, furnish the following information to FBI Headquarters regarding the use of this equipment:

1. Aided in directing course of investigation.
2. Obtained direct evidence.
3. Was used - no information of value obtained.
4. Furnished lead material.
5. Gave protection to Agent or person wearing recorder.
6. Was not used.

More than one of the above can apply in a case.

You are reminded that in those instances when the identity of the nonconsenting party is not known at the time of the request, a letterhead memorandum should be forwarded to the Bureau within 30 days following termination of monitoring which will identify the nonconsenting party.

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In the event a renewal of this authority is deemed warranted, submit your request with full justification (Manual of Investigative Operations, Part II, Section 10, Page 1062) at least seven days prior to the expiration of the existing authority.

Enclosure

NOTE: No Bureau markings are to be placed on attached communication.

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Re: [REDACTED]

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In addition, you should insure that all persons identified as having been monitored, are suitably included in the field office and FBIHQ-ELSUR indices, commensurate with existing instructions as outlined in Bureau airtels to all offices dated 4/12/77, 6/8/77, and administrative controls must be established to insure these requirements are met.

Memorandum



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To : Office of Enforcement Operations
Criminal Division

Date June 30, 1982

From : Director, FBI

Subject : [REDACTED] FRANK BUCCIERI,
ALSO KNOWN AS FRANK BRUNO, FRANK REYNOLDS, "BIG FRANK";
[REDACTED] DEPUTY SHERIFF, FRESNO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.,
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Enclosure

Approved:

(Pursuant to the Authority of the
Attorney General 9-22-80)

Frederick D. Hess

Frederick D. Hess
Acting Director
Office of Enforcement Operations

Date: JUL 7 1982

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/18/82

FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (194A-94)
(Case File #)

SUBJECT:

FRANK BUCCIERI, aka

Frank Bruno

Frank Reynolds,

(title continued next page)

RE: Director airtel to Sacramento dated 7/20/82
(Authorizing communication from the Bureau)

DOJ authorized consensual electronic or mechanical recording procedures were utilized in the captioned case during the period 6/30 - 7/28/82 and this technique:

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(b) Obtained direct evidence

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(c) Was used - no information of value obtained

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(d) Furnished lead material

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(e) Gave protection to Agent or person wearing recorder

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(f) Was not used

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SUBJECT CONTINUED:

(U)
"Big Frank"; [redacted]

[redacted]
DEPUTY SHERIFF,
FRESNO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Fresno, California
HOBBS ACT - CORRUPTION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS;
HOBBS ACT - COMMERCIAL INSTITUTION
OO: SACRAMENTO

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Date 10/22/82

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (194-3320) (ATTN: OC SECTION)

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (194A-94) (C)

[REDACTED]

FRANK BUCCIERI, aka
Frank Bruno,
Frank Reynolds,
"Big Frank".

[REDACTED]

DEPUTY SHERIFF,
FRESNO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA
HOBBS ACT - CORRUPTION OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL;
HOBBS ACT - COMMERCIAL INSTITUTION
OO: SC

Re Sacramento tel to Bureau, 6/28/82; and Bureau airtel to
Sacramento, 7/20/82.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and three copies of an
LHM regarding captioned matter.

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2 cc's to the
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As indicated in enclosed LHM, Assistant U. S. Attorney (AUSA)
[redacted] Eastern District of California (EDC), Fresno, California,
after hearing the results of this investigation, declined to authorize
prosecution on the grounds that there was insufficient evidence to support
a federal violation.

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Sacramento, California

October 22, 1982

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[redacted] also known as (aka)

FRANK BUCCIERI, aka
Frank Bruno,
Frank Reynolds,
"Big Frank";
[redacted]

DEPUTY SHERIFF,
FRESNO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA;
HOBBS ACT - CORRUPTION OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL;
HOBBS ACT - COMMERCIAL INSTITUTION

The following background information was provided by Lieutenant
(Lt.) [redacted] (NA), Fresno County Sheriff's Office (FCSO), [redacted]
[redacted] Fresno, California, to the Fresno Office of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and to the office of the United States
Attorney (USA), specifically Assistant U. S. Attorney (AUSA) [redacted]
[redacted]

In July, 1981, subject [redacted] appeared in Fresno, California,
and opened a club known as the Chez Paree, featuring nude dancers. FCSO
initiated preliminary inquiry when information was developed that [redacted]
backed by Juniper Corporation, Chicago, Illinois, which allegedly had
connections with LCN figure [redacted]

Information developed to the effect that [redacted] at one time,
lived at the same address as [redacted] a reported LCN "hitman".
Information was also developed as to the existence of pandering and
prostitution at the Chez Paree.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI.
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contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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In September, 1981, the FCSO arrested [redacted] and others connected with the club for operating without necessary licenses and also on obscenity charges.

FCSO continued investigation of [redacted] and associates, which included obtaining toll call records for [redacted]. Several subscribers were then identified as LCN associated, primarily from the Los Angeles, California area.

In March, 1982, ^{CA} California Department of Justice (DOJ) had an occasion to interview [redacted] son of subject [redacted]. [redacted] stated that [redacted] is an associate of Frank Buccieri, characterized as a watchdog for the Chicago LCN interest in California. [redacted] and a partner operated two video game businesses which were instant successes. In March, 1981, [redacted] conversed with his father, who related that "the mob" was upset over troubles at the Chez Paree, and also upset with losing the bid to open a third video game parlor. [redacted] related that "the mob" wanted \$50 per day, per video parlor, to permit [redacted] to stay in business. It was related to [redacted] at that time that the parlors could be blown up and "heads cracked" if payment was not made. [redacted] suggested that [redacted] and partner might be forced to sell to Bally Manufacturing, doing business as (dba) Aladin's Castles, at ten cents on the dollar. Sometime later, [redacted] met with his father and Buccieri at Fresno where Buccieri reiterated the \$50 per day demand and threats, as indicated above.

According to Lt. [redacted] information was developed that FCSO Deputy [redacted] had, since [redacted] opened the Chez Paree, met [redacted] surreptitiously on numerous occasions. [redacted] had attempted to pump Vice Officers for information on identities of sources developed by FCSO in the investigation against [redacted].

^{CA} FCSO had conducted surveillances of [redacted] meeting with [redacted] and with attorney [redacted] of the firm of Oscar, Goodman Associates, Las Vegas, Nevada. These meetings took place at local restaurants, bars, and motels. The surveillances indicated that [redacted] was very cautious about being seen with [redacted] and further information was developed that [redacted] may have provided female companionship for [redacted].

On June 28, 1982, emergency authority was granted by Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Headquarters to utilize consensual monitor.

Emergency authority was granted because of anticipated immediate utilization of monitoring devices. Emergency authority, at that time, was granted to utilizing an electronic device to monitor and/or record conversations between [redacted] FCSO Detective, and [redacted] in connection with a Hobbs Act - Corruption of a Public Official matter.

[redacted]

Sacramento Division, at that time, proposed to record conversations between [redacted] at [redacted] home on June 30, 1982, during which time [redacted] would play the role of a deputy soon to be transferred to the Vice-Intelligence Squad of the FCSO. It was believed also at that time that [redacted] would attempt to develop a relationship with [redacted] and later request information about the investigation regarding [redacted]

A conversation between [redacted] was, in fact, recorded on June 30, 1982, at the home of [redacted] and nothing of evidentiary value against [redacted] was derived from that conversation.

The second aspect of this investigation, which was concerned with the alleged extortion attempts made against [redacted] by his father, [redacted] and Frank Buccieri, were confirmed through an interview of [redacted] by FBI, Fresno, California. During that interview, however, [redacted] indicated that he did not wish to bring any charges against either his father or Frank Buccieri, nor did he wish to cooperate with authorities in developing that violation against either individual. [redacted] advised during the interview that when he was approached by his father and Buccieri on February 11, 1982, at which time they demanded payments in the amount of \$50 per day from each of his video machine businesses, he has not been recontacted regarding that extortion attempt since then. [redacted] went on to explain that during that initial attempt to extort him by his father and Buccieri he indicated to them that there would be no payoffs made by him, that he was not afraid of them, and that if any harm or destruction came to any member of his family, any member of his partner's family, or their businesses, he would immediately go to the appropriate authorities.

[redacted] further advised during that interview that he contacted his attorney regarding the extortion attempts made against him, furnished a full deposition to that attorney regarding the incident, and then advised his father that he had done so, and that his attorney was instructed to immediately go to authorities in the event any harm came to either himself [redacted] his family or his businesses.

AUSA [redacted] Eastern District of California (EDC), Fresno, California, was apprised of the facts of this matter, at which time he advised that there appears to be insufficient evidence to support any criminal violation on the part of either [redacted] or Frank Buccieri. [redacted] stated that inasmuch as [redacted] does not wish to cooperate with authorities at this time, it is his opinion that no further investigation into that matter is warranted.

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